

I urge you to step into one person's efforts to manage this election - already in danger from voting problems. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Forcing their stations to broadcast this, just as refusing to allow ABC to broadcast the names of the brave soldiers who died in Iraq, is just wrong. More importantly, the new laws require that this type of propaganda is illegal in the days before the election.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.